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At the senatorial campaign meeting in Georgetown L. D. Jennings was howled down by a crowd of Bleasites, and W. H. Andrews, Mayor of Georgetown and the leader of the Blease machine in Georgetown county, who sat on the speaker's stand, made no effort to preserve order. Gov. Blease who was the first speaker was given a respectful hearing by the audience, a majority of which was anti-Blease in sentiment. Georgetown county is not a Blease county—two years ago the vote was nearly two to one against Blease—which proves that the howling down of Mr. Jennings was the concerted effort of a minority faction. The resort to howling down tactics to silence the voice of the man whose arguments they cannot, and whose arraignment of Blease's record they cannot disprove, shows their desperation. The truth that Jennings is telling hurts and the Bleasites cannot stand the exposure in the light of the day the dark and damaging record of Blease as governor. Blease won't face the truth himself and left the stand to escape the terrible grilling of his pardon record by Jennings and Pollock. It did not hurt Jennings to be howled down, it only exposed weakness of the Blease crowd and howed the desperation of the Blease machine.

Cole L. Blease has been governor of South Carolina for three and a-half years and in that time he has not initiated a single constructive policy for the betterment of the State. He has done absolutely nothing to further the development of the industrial, educational, agricultural or business interests of the people. His administration has not been signalized by one act that will be recorded as an achievement for the upbuilding of the commonwealth. His entire time and ability and the resources of the executive department have been devoted to the creation of a political machine to promote his personal political fortunes and to revenge himself upon those who voted against him. He will be remembered only as the governor who pardoned more than twelve hundred criminals—notorious murderers, rapists, seducers, yeggmen, incendiaries, burglars and blind tigers among the number. He will go down in the history of the State as the boss of a partisan political machine, who used the power of the governor's office to set the verdicts of the courts at naught and to turn loose upon the honest and law-abiding people a horde of criminals. That is his record and that record is the reason that a majority of people are opposed to electing as his successor any man who endorses or claims to endorse, his administration and pledges himself to follow in Blease's footsteps. The man who votes for Richards, Irby, Simms or Mullally by his vote endorses the Richey, Emmerson, Portland Ned and all the other abuses of the pardoning power.

Think well how you vote.  
Richard I. Manning is known by all men in Sumter County. His personal, business and official record is an open book and the people among whom he has spent his entire life knows for what he stands. He stands for law and order, for an equal chance for every man, for better schools, for honesty, economy and efficiency in all departments of government and for the obliteration of factionalism, partisanship and machine politics. He is a man whom the people of Sumter trust in business matters and whom they are confident they can trust in any position of responsibility and in any circumstances. He is a man whom those who know him best would elect governor on his simple word that he would discharge the duties of that office to the best of his ability as he was given the light to see the right, but in addition to his sterling integrity he has a platform that appeals to all who desire good government and a progressive and business-like administration. Those who vote for Manning, as will a majority of the people of Sumter county will vote for a man who will be the governor of all the people and will know

neither friends nor enemies in the administration of the office. Vote for Manning and you will vote for South Carolina.

#### THE CLUB ROLLS.

We publish today the club rolls of Sumter county. The publication has necessitated a great deal of extra work and considerable expense, but we publish them as our contribution to the cause of good government and honest elections. If there are irregularities or duplicate enrollments that escaped the scrutiny of the county executive committee, the only method that could be devised to discover these irregularities was the publication of the complete club rolls, so that all the people might have an opportunity to scrutinize, compare and check over the names appearing on the rolls. If it be discovered that any voters have enrolled on two or more clubs, or if minors, non-residents or unnaturalized foreigners have been enrolled, steps can be taken to prevent fraudulent voting and to punish the culprits.

All the blind tigers of Sumter and vicinity, including Glenn West, the notorious negro liquor seller, were out in force at the campaign meeting yelling for Blease. The most enthusiastic yellers were those who have been the beneficiaries of the pardon mill, or who expect to need a pardon to escape the chaingang.

Blease attended forty-two campaign meetings with L. D. Jennings and never had the grit to charge that Jennings had been hired to enter the race for the senate and fight him. He waited until he got to Sumter, where he thought Jennings' hands would be tied, to make the infamous charge. He evidently thought that the mayor of Sumter would submit to the insult in silence rather than run the risk of precipitating a personal difficulty in his own town, and he could then assert that he had charged Jennings to his face with having been paid to enter the campaign. But he made the mistake of his life and had to take the lie that was thrown into his face. Jennings called him a "dirty contemptible liar" and "a cowardly, lying cur," and there was nobody standing between them. He took it and he knew that Jennings told the truth. Blease took the lie because he knew he was lying when he made the charge and a liar is always a coward.

Blease tried to save his face by boasting that he would give any man personal satisfaction if he would come to him after the meeting. But he hot-footed it from the stand and high-bailed it out of town for Blahopville as soon as he finished his speech. And he carried the brand of "Cowardly cur and contemptible liar" on him.

Jennings has done a good work for the State in exposing Blease's record. He has done it at a great personal sacrifice and the people of Sumter county owe it to him to endorse his work by a unanimous vote. All who believe in good government and the enforcement of law will vote for Jennings.

#### RICHARDS' CLAIM DENIED.

Farmers' Union Head Seeks Inclusion to Doubt Gubernatorial Candidate's Claim.

To the Editor of The State:  
My attention has just been called to the statement attributed to John G. Richards in the report of the Laurens campaign meeting on the 13th. "I am backed by the Farmers' union of which I have been a member for many years." The State secretary informed me tonight that Mr. Richards has not paid his dues to the Farmers' union in about three years. For at least two years I know that his county has not had an active local union in it nor a man in it who kept up his dues nor a representative in the State meetings of the union. And this is the first intimation that has come to my attention that the Farmers' union is backing Mr. Richards.

E. W. Dabbs.  
President South Carolina State Farmers' Union.

**Way Justice is Done in Mexico.**  
A traveling man tells this story: A firm doing business in Mexico found that the cashier was stealing. The man was arrested and sent to the penitentiary. In a couple of weeks he came back and applied for his old job. "I thought we sent you to the penitentiary," said the manager. "You did," was the reply, "but they transferred me to the army and I did not like it and came home."

**His Good Deed.**  
"What good deed did you perform today?" the first class scout was asked. "Mother had only enough castor oil for one dose, so I let my sister take it," replied the hero.—Buffalo Express.

#### AGED PONTIFF PASSES AWAY.

GUIDES DESTINY OF CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR ELEVEN YEARS THROUGH MANY STORMS.

Last illness of Short Duration, Although he Had Been in Bad Health for Many Years—End Hastened by Sorrow at Gigantic War Which Had Broken out in Europe.

Rome, Aug. 20.—Pope Pius X died at 1.20 o'clock this morning. He had been ill for several days, but alarming symptoms did not develop until Wednesday morning. Throughout the day Dr. Marchisava and Dr. Amici devoted their utmost energies to stimulating their patient and keeping him alive.

The cardinals were notified of the pope's grave condition and some of them who entered the sick room describes the scene as heartrending, especially when the pontiff, rousing himself from time to time spoke. Once he said:

"In ancient times the pope by a word might have stayed the slaughter, but now he is impotent."

Prayers were said by thousands and church bells sounded when the sacrament was exposed upon the altars.

When the court learned of the pope's condition there was the deepest concern. King Victor Emmanuel personally informed Queen Helena and the news was communicated to the queen mother.

Extreme unction was administered by Mgr. Zampini, sacristan to his holiness amid a touching scene. The pope's sisters and his niece were overcome with grief. Cardinal Merry del Val knelt by the side of his bed, where other cardinals joined him, members of the household intoning prayers.

The dying pope, in a moment of lucidity, said:

"Now I begin to think, as the end is approaching, that the Almighty in His inexhaustible goodness wishes to spare me the horrors Europe is undergoing."

Wednesday was one of the most anxious days in the history of the papacy. The whole world knew that the pope was indisposed, but it was supposed he was suffering from his usual ailment, the gout. Up to noon even the members of the household were unaware of the seriousness of the developments. Almost without warning came the word that the pontiff was at death's door.

All day his agony continued. At times he revived and was able to say a few words, but hope of saving him was finally abandoned. Several times throughout the city and at the palace the rumor spread that the end had come, only to be denied later.

In the presence of Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary, and Cardinals Ferrata, Cagliano and Bissleti and the two sisters of the pope, a bulletin on the condition of the pontiff was posted early in the afternoon on the bronze door of the Vatican, where the Swiss guards stood watch. A great crowd outside gazed with grief stricken face up at the pope's chamber on the second floor where the windows were closed with shades.

Grief after the war in Europe caused the pope much depression from the first outbreak, and several days ago symptoms appeared of the old bronchial affection from which the pontiff had suffered in times past.

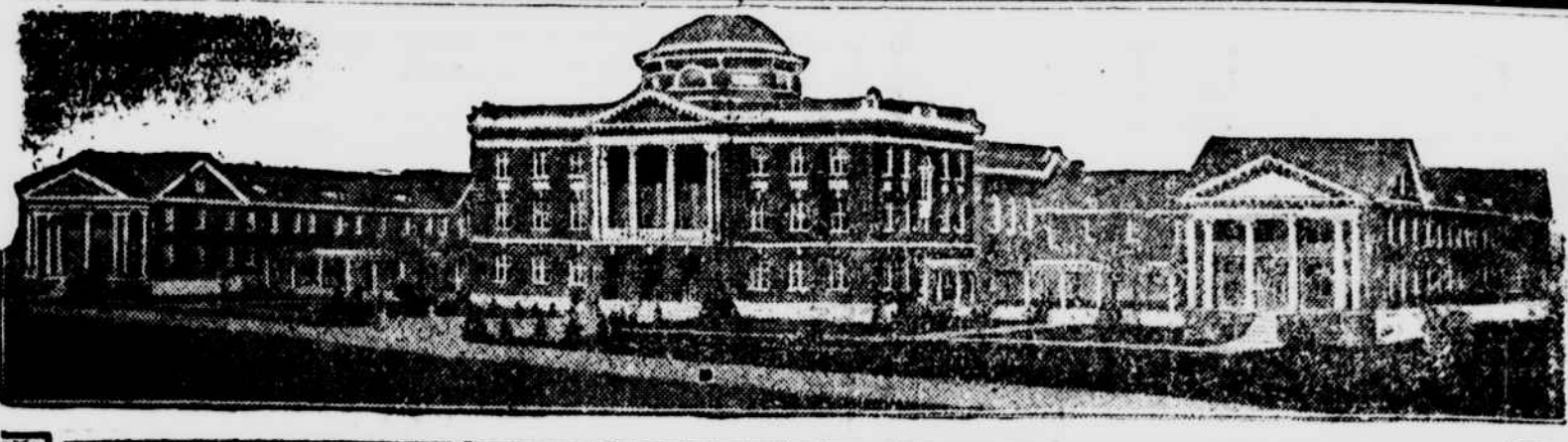
On Tuesday Dr. Marchisava announced that the pope was suffering from a simple cold and that possibly complete rest for a week would restore him to his usual health. The bronchial condition spread, however, and on Wednesday it was announced that the pope's condition was serious.

A bulletin issued at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, signed by Drs. Marchisava and Amici, gave the following explanation:

"The pope's condition grew worse during the night. This was due to the diffusion of the bronchitis to the lower lobe of the left lung. Symptoms of heart weakness became so threatening at 10.30 o'clock this morning that it was believed the pontiff's life was endangered. At 1.30 p. m., the symptoms were slightly improved, but still grave."

At times during the day the pope had much difficulty in breathing. He suffered much from headache and inability to rid himself of the accumulations in the lungs. Stimulants were injected and oxygen administered. Several times the pontiff revived and seemed much better. He then would speak to those about him and insist that his desires be executed.

In one of these intervals he asked for Mgr. Rosa recently appointed secretary of the consistorial congregation. Mgr. Rosa had been an intimate friend of the pope since the pontiff was Bishop of Treviso. As soon as he was notified, he rushed to the Vatican and was admitted to the apartment where the pope was lying. Mgr. Rosa remained alone with the pope. The incident was considered significant as, owing to his present position, Mgr. Rosa would be secretary of the consistorial office on the death of the pope. It is



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**Mr. Stubb's Mean Warning.**  
"One-half of the women in this world retail gossip," remarked Mr. Stubb, as he lit his after-supper cigar. "Quite considerate of you not to say all of them retail gossip," snapped Mrs. Stubb, as she washed the dishes. "Oh, no, only half, Maria. The other half wholesale it."